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OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE
AND TRAINING

REF: A) KABUL 6757 B) KABUL 6510 C) KABUL 6008 D) STATE
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1. MISSION IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AT POSSIBILITY OF LOSING
ITS SMALL BUT IMPORTANT MAP TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE
UNITED STATES FOR AFGHAN MILITARY OFFICERS. THIS IS
OUR SOLE POINT OF PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH WORKING
LEVEL OF THE AFGHAN MILITARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE BY DEPARTMENT
REGARDING QUESTIONS RAISED KABUL 6008 WE WONDER NOW
WHETHER REQUIREMENT THAT WE SEND FORMAL NOTE MAY BE
UNDER REVIEW OR EVEN HAVE BEEN DROPPED. WE HOPE THIS IS
THE CASE, SINCE THE NOTE IN ITS PRESENT FORMAT IS LIKELY
TO BE TROUBLESOME FOR REASONS STATED REFTEL C.

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3. IF INDEED WE MUST FORMALLY RAISE QUESTION OF

MILITARY COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, THEN WE HAD HOPED TO DO THIS BEFORE THREE OR FOUR DAY MOSLEM "ID" HOLIDAY, WHICH BEGINS ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 26. LATER PRESENTATION MAKES IT CERTAIN WE WILL NOT HAVE "AGREEMENT" BY THE BEGINNING OF FY 1977.

4. SINCE REF D, PARA 3(C) SEEMS TO ALLOW ON-GOING TRAINING PROGRAMS WITHOUT A FORMAL AGREEMENT, IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT WE MIGHT USE SOME OTHER LANGUAGE AND APPROACH IN KABUL? FOR EXAMPLE, WE COULD SEND A BRIEF DIPLOMATIC NOTE REFERRING "TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN 1972" (REF C) AND INSERTING WHATEVER MODIFIED QUALIFYING LANGUAGE REQUIRED AS INFORMATION RPT INFORMATION FOR THE GOA, NOT REQUIRING A FORMAL RESPONSE. WHAT WE FEAR IS THAT FORCING THE GOA INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT EMBODYING ALL CONDITIONS OF REF D WILL, IN THIS SENSITIVE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, DISALLOW AFGHANISTAN'S CONTINUING PRESENT TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR REASONS HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SUBSTANCE AND INTENT OF MOST RECENT LEGISLATION. THIS UNINTENDED RESULT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO U.S. INTERESTS.

5. ADVISE.
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